What is Wilderness?

The Wilderness Act of 1964 defines Wilderness as:

A wilderness, in contrast with those areas where man and his own works dominate the landscape, is hereby recognized as an area where the earth and its community of life are untrammeled by man, where man himself is a visitor who does not remain. An area of wilderness is further defined to mean in this Act an are of undeveloped Federal land retaining its primeval character and influence, without permanent improvements or human habitation, which is protected and managed so as to preserve its natural conditions and which (1) generally appears to have been affected primarily by the forces of nature, with the imprint of man's work substantially unnoticeable; (2) has outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation; (3) has at least five thousand acres of land or is of sufficient size to make practicable its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition; and (4) may also contain ecological, geological, or other features of scientific, educational, scenic, or historical value.



<u>Map sections taken from the Southern Blue Mountain map, available for purchase at all Malheur National Forest offices.</u>

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Little Malheur Trail #366





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The Little Malheur Trail is in the Monument Rock Wilderness.

This trail ranges in elevation from 5160 ft. and climbing to 6440 ft.

This trail can be accessed during the summer months for recreation.

This trail is in the wilderness, no mechanized modes of travel are allowed. This includes but is not limited to; bicycles, ohv's, or game carts.



What to Look Forward To

Wildlife Viewing, along with great flora and fauna abound along this trail.

Great Hike

This is a hike for wildlife viewers as well as anglers. Little Malheur Trail leads up through the Monument Rock Wilderness for a beautiful one day hike. For a longer hike, once at the Northern end connect with Forest Rd. 1375 follow this road to the Table Rock Trail #365 or take a walk up to Table Rock Lookout. Once up near Table Rock Trail many other options are available for longer hikes. If you are going to build a campfire please stay 100 ft. from water sources and use existing fire rings.

Safety In the Woods

Be prepared for all types of conditions and weather. Bring with you extra food and water. Although water is available in the river, there is cattle concentration near water sources, it is recommended to carry water with you. Be bear and cougar aware, tie food up in a tree or bring a bear box to protect food, never keep food in your tent. Have a plan for your trip and let your family and friends know were you are planning on going. Don't rely on cell coverage or GPS. Carry a paper map and know how to read it. Plan ahead and be safe.

Trail Information

The trail is 7.3 miles in length one way.

Difficult

Directions

From Hwy 26 enter the town of Prairie City, turn onto South Main Street, at the first stop sign turn left, this road becomes County Rd 62.

South End Access: Continue on County Rd. 62 to Forest Rd. 13. Stay on Forest Rd. 13 to its junction with Forest Rd. 16. At the junction turn east, travel on Forest Rd. 16 approximately 10 miles Forest Rd. 1672, the turn will be on the left side of the road. Continue on Forest Rd. 1672 to Forest Rd. 457, this road leads to the trailhead.

North End access: Continue on County Rd. 62 for approximately 13 miles to Forest Rd. 13 the turn will be on the left side of the road. Stay on Forest Rd. 13 approximately 6 miles to Forest Rd. 1370 the turn should be on the left. Continue on 1370 for approximately 3 miles to Little Malheur Trail.